oward self-government. only one of these events that exercised any direct effect on the mainery of the conference he Hughes formula relating to capital armaments, on conditions affecting auxiliary craft, which, it is believed, can be granted, despite the fact that some knotty problems still are in-volved. The most disturbing feature the naval situation relates to the bmarine issue and is due to the conflict of views between the British and French as to the defensive value of that type of war craft.

American delegates to the conferonce expressed the opinion that the brief interruption to the processes of adjusting differences over naval ratios eemingly has passed without leaving any marks of damage on the conference itself. They confidently predicted gram to the ultimate satisfaction of the United States, Great Britain, position on Thursday. The result of tions most vitally concerned. They even expressed hope that the naval program might be advanced to a final stage by Friday, when there may be a Up to to-night the submark plenary examination. over the holidays.

A full meeting of the delegates of the United States, Great Britain, Frence, Italy and Japan on Thursday will page upon the Decause of it.

defense. The Belgian and Portuguese delegates are in accord with the French-American-Japanese view.

The Italian position regarding not will page upon the Decause of it. auxiliary fighting craft and, it is beubmission to the full conference. In with France. meantime the committees consid ering the events of the Far Eastern agends are moving steadily forward, although no effort will be made to dispose of any of the issues involved until after the recess.

The chief contribution to the devel opments to-day resulted from the di-rect appeal made by Secretary Hughes to Premier Briand for cooperation in disposing of the naval issue. Following the meeting of the subcommittee on naval limitation this morning the orrespondence between the American ecretary of State and the French nier was made public.

On Friday last Mr. Hughes sent a cable message to M. Briand through Ambassador Herrick at Paris reviewcalling attention to the effect of the demand made by the French delegates for a rearrangement of the naval tatives of the United States, Great

### Anxious to Aid France.

In closing his appeal to the French Premier for cooperation in reaching a satisfactory agreement over capital rmaments Mr. Hughes said:

"At this time, when we are anxious to aid France in full recovery of her

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They sent a request to Secretary Hurches, the conference chairman, to the four research of the conference chairman, to the four the same for the sa

### Conference Doings

71TH reservations France ac cepted the Hughes ratio of 175,000 tons in capital ships, served for Thursday's meeting of

the full naval committee, Secretary Hughes made public the communications passing be-tween himself and Premier Briand on the subject, showing that the ormer was very frank in presenting the situation

Japan and China postponed in lefinitely their conversations on Shantung, and a resumption pends on advices from Tokio re-

Arrangements were made for an early consideration of the subma rine question, Great Britain desiring to present her case formally at he earliest opportunity.

Their claims in the matter of auxiliary craft have already been placed before the committee of fifteen on naval the conference of the five leading position on Thursday. The result of this conference will clearly indicate the conclusions of the most impor-

ay, when there may be a of 90,000 tons favored by the American, French, Italian and Japanese British contention that it should be The French acceptance of the cap-cut one-half. The only delegates that ital ship ratio of 1.75, as compared to appear to be in accord with the British 5-5-3 for the United States, Great Brit-ain and Japan, has removed the most perious cloud that has yet hung over Balfour and Lord Lee that the subference proceedings, and there is a marine is not a necessary weapon of

The Italian position regarding not only submarines but capital ships is wil' round out the program for of auxiliary craft on an equal footing

### SIX CAPITAL SHIPS NOW FRENCH PLAN

Sarraut Says That Is the Minimum Number.

M. Sarraut, the head of the French delegation at the Washington arms consix as a minimum number of capital each would bring France's quota to 210, 000 tons instead of 175,000, as proposed by America, but M. Sarraut states the French case as follows:

There is no such thing as a squadron of five or seven ships. Six or eight vessels are a squadron and we must have a squadron. We are willing to accept six vessels and the present discussion is to discover how six vessels are to be reconciled with the ratio of 1.75, that is the 175,000 allotted to France.

The chief French naval expert this norning placed before the naval com-nities France's modified naval program

## TEXT OF MESSAGES OVER FRENCH RATIO

Hughes at Meeting of Subcommittee.

FRANCE AS GAINER

U. S. Secretary of State Reviews Advantages Offered to Her.

FRANK LANGUAGE USED

Briand's Reply Shows Desire to Reconcile Views for Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Associated Press) .- The following communique was issued after the meeting to-day of the subcommittee on naval limita-

The adjourned meeting of the sub committee on naval limitation took place this morning, December 20, at defense. The Belgian and Portuguese 11 o'clock in the Pan-American Building. The chairman read the following communications that had passed between him and M. Briand:

between him and M. Briand:

"December 16, 1921.

"My Dear M. Briand: In view of your distinguished service at the Conference on Limitation of Armament and of my responsibilities as chairman of the conference I venture to address to you this personal word. I am happy to say that the conversations between the United States, Great Britain and Japan as to the proposal which I made or behalf of the of the American "overnment at the opening of the conference with respect to capital ships have resulted in a provisional agreement. Great Britain and Japan have accepted Great Britain and Japan have accepted the naval ratio as proposed and the re-duction of capital ships with such modi-

leations as do not seriously affect the brinciple involved. "Japan keeps the Mutsu and scraps the Settsu. The United States finishes two ships—the Colorado and the Washingships. Six capital ships of 35,000 tons and scraps the North Dakota and Delaand scraps the North Dakota and Dela-ware. Great Britain will build two new ships and scraps four, to wit, the Erin, King George V., Centurion and Ajax. The result is that the United States still scraps thirty ships, that is, thirteen of the ships under con-struction, and seventeen instead of fif-teen of the older ships, leaving the number or ships the same as under the original proposal with a tonnage of number or ships the same as under the original proposal with a tonnage of 525,000 tons instead of 500,000 tons. Thus, the United States scraps 322,000 tons of her share (exclusive of predreadnoughts), Great Britain and Japan scrap to an equivalent extent. Japan retains the same number of ships as proposed and scraps seventeen as proposed, her new tonnage being 313,300, instead of 300,000.

### LOOKING IN on the conference

Communications Read by French Temperament Described as Running True to Form in International Parley—Lord Riddell's Helpfulness to Be Missed by Newspaper Men.

By EDWIN C. HILL.

spatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

French temperament, inspiring, astonworld would be much drabber, flares vividly as the conference ties up loose ends of world problems. Its egression at this stage of the proceedings is vexatious but not serious; to be met with a tipus of the proceedings is vexatious but not serious; to be met with a recess of several days for Christmas and Shantung, particularly, are out of the way. Controversy over submarines will be lively, the British being set for killing this kind of sea fighting. The conference will declare a recess of several days for Christmas patience and, above all, tact. Too much observance, pluming itself upon the sevtranquillity is distasteful to a people eral gifts it has hung upon the tree. who believe, with the Irish, in exercising Moreover, the French are generous, fond of giving and of giving

vay. The nature of this conference has been such that they have not been required, like the British, Japanese and the Americans, to give much, immediate

dsh publicity methods. They say the British have virtually controlled the conference news, subtly disseminating British propaganda not always fair to France. It is perfectly true that the islanders established, through Lord Riddell, a remarkably effective liaison between their point of view and the American press, but it has been open and above board and consisted largely in assisting newspaper men to get accurate information agreement and the light without might is helpless."

He says the Japanese are growing bigger, physically; that the girls, particularly, of this generation, are taller than their mothers. Also the birth rate is going up. More than \$00,000 children are born in Japan every year. To these remarks he adds: "Our policy is live and let live, but we have discovered that right without might is helpless."

Lord Lee of Farcham, the blood of particularly in the properties of the properties assisting newspaper men to get accu-rate information speedily and smoothly. "batever propaganda was contained in Riddell's outgivings to the press, intentional or inherent, was promptly sifted out of the facts. The French had the same opportunity to create an effective contact with American newspapers and Chernfore American online. They simherefore American opinion. They sim-

A word or two more about Riddell may be useful for estimating this phase of the conference. Without official des-ignation he volunteered for the hardst job any newspaper man has tackled.
First of all he soothed the inborn disthe of the British delegates for the
downright style of American interviewing, persuading Balfour and the others to meet the reporters every day. That was an achievement in itself. But Riddell did much more. He went out of his way to arrange similar conferences between the Chinese, Japanese and other groups and the reporters, pulling together in one place, the new Navy Building conferences that had been cas-Building, conferences that had been casunl and widely scattered at the ex-pense of time and nervous energy. On top of this he himself has met reporters twice every day. Withal this British newspaper man has been so urbane, pa-tient and generally helpful that hun-dreds of correspondents owe him a real dreds of correspondents owe him a real debt. One of them said the other day: "Fil tell you the kind of man this chap Riddell is. If Mary came along with her little lamb the lamb would quit Mary for Riddell."

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serious matters are apt to carry the con-New York Herald Burean, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20. Ch temperament, inspiring, astonamusing, without which the

Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, and author of very interesting conference reports in THE NEW YORK conference reports in THE NEW YORK HERALD said yesterday that the differ ence between the peace conference of Versailles and the peace conference of Washington is that at Versailles they tried to plant a full grown oak in abandonment of land armament being out of the question. Therefore they create a situation which requires others to appeal to them to give, "It hath been an opinion," said Bacon, "that the French are wiser than they are wiser than they are wiser than they seem."

Especially touchy about British activities, the French complain sharply about his publicity methods. They say the British have virtually controlled the conference news, subtly disseminating British propaganda not always fair to France. It is perfectly the second of the Japanese group offers interesting ideas about Dai Nippon. He says the Japanese are growing big-specially; that the girls, particularly, of this generation, are taller than their mothers. Also the birth rate of the second of the Japanese group offers interesting ideas about Dai Nippon. He says the Japanese group of the province of the Japanese group of the says the Japanese group of the says the Japanese group of the Japanese group of the says the Japanese are growing big-specially; that the girls, particularly of this generation, are taller than their mothers. Also the birth rate

Lord Lee of Fareham, the blood of the Lees of Virginia, holds, not unreasonably, that Robert E. Lee was one of the greatest generals the world ever knew. "If he were alive to-day," says Lord Lee, "he would certainly express the hope that the spirit of conciliation which brought the North and the South together after the civil war might spring." Please tell them in America," said Gen. De Castelnau, "that with 673,000" of Castelnau, "that with 67 m this conference to quench animosi tles the world over."

A billion noperal numan beings are represented by the delegates to the con-ference. Of the thousand millions, the British speak for more than four hun-dred, the Chinese for four hundred and fifty, the United States for more than a hundred, the Japanese for nearly eighty, the French for more than forty and the Dutch, Belgians and Portuguese for a

currents of conference talk that Canada will soon be represented at Washington by a legation of her own, and that Sir ny a legation of her own, and that Sir Robert Borden is likely to be the first diplomatic spokesman for "Our Lady of the Snows." Sir Robert has urged that this privilege be granted to the Dominion because of the special interests common to Canada and the United States. Kipling wrote of Canada; "Daughter in my mother's house;

But mistress in my own."

Daughters are said to have a great eal more independence than they used



### 500,000 FIGHTERS IN FRENCH ARMIES

673,000 Including Africans, Colonials and Supply Service, De Castelnau Says.

Paris, Dec. 20 (Associated Press).—
France's total army strength, of white and colored troops, will be 673,000 after May, 1922, according to a statement made to-day by Gen. De Castelnau, former Chief of the General Staff, to the Associated Press.
Gen. De Castelnau, who is president of the army commission of the Chamber of Deputies, set at rest the conflicting estimates of the French forces by explaining that the budget of 1922 carries appropriations sufficient for only 636,000 men, and as the army will be below that nen, and as the army will be below that figure between the first release of men of the class of 1920 and the first incor-poration into the army of men of the class of 1922, there will be enough of a saving in revenue to support the larger number of men later on.

"The metropolitan army of France after May 1, 1922, will consist of 433,000 men. all Frenchmen," said General de Casteinau. "There will be six divisions on the Rhine and twenty-six divisions in the interior. There will be 113,000 North African troops, 115,000 colonial troops and 12,000 men of the Foreign Legion, bringing the total army up to 673,000, covering all the colonies and the French dependencies.

"We have been budgeted for 636,000 men, but it may be that between March 15, when the first batch of the 1920 class is released, and May 8, when the first portion of the 1922 class is called up, there will be a time when the French army is much below 500,000 men. The second portion of the 1920 class is scheduled to be released October 1, 1922, but the second batch of the 1922 class will not be called up until November 8."

The General was pessimistic about the passage of the eighteen months bill. He declared that the discussion of the measure probably would be going on throughout next year, but that in prin-

troops, including Africans and colonials supply. Five hundred thousand and bodied men are what we want to protect

### Charges Propaganda Here.

"It is my impression that Premie Briand explained our situation to the Briand explained our situation to the satisfaction of the Americans. What can I add, except that there has been propaganda in America since our dele-gation left Washington, to the effect that we are a militaristic nation. Perhaps I might say that had we been a more militaristic nation in November, 1918, all this trouble would not have cropped

"My twenty-six divisions were await-ing the word to enter Lorraine. They were not tired, I should have been on the Rhine in eleven days from Metz, and

the Rhine in eleven days from Metz, and the whole wing of the German army would have been up in the air. The armistice saved them from a cataclysm which would have been the greatest ever suffered by an army."

Gen. de Castelnau spoke in a tone of regret, but he added: "What did we lose our boys for if we are not going to have peace? Why, the Germans haven't even paid as much, despite the depreciated value of the mark, as we paid in 1871, when I was a Lieutenant and the franc was worth 20 cents."

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